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SUBJECT: Tenth Release of the Child Nutrition (CN) Database

TO: Regional Directors
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The tenth release of the Child Nutrition Database (CN10) was made available on March 15, 2006. The new release is available to computer software companies who develop the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved Nutrient Standard Menu Planning Software Programs, for the purpose of updating their existing software. The CN10 release contains over 3,500 new or revised items for a total of 10,656 food items, including about 8,000 processed foods.

The tenth release can be downloaded from the Healthy School Meals Resource System website at <http://schoolmeals.nal.usda.gov/Software>. This web location also contains the *System Components and File Formats* document that defines the structural design of the CN10 Database. This document has been reformatted to improve legibility. All Standard Reference (SR) 18 updates have been applied to the SR products included in this release and 131 products from SR18 have been added to CN10. The Moisture Fat Change Table listed as "MSFTCHG" has been marked as discontinued in CN10 and will be removed from CN11. Trans Fat has been added as an optional nutrient (Nutrient code 605) and all SR18 trans fat data within the CN database has been updated. All Chef's Challenge recipes have been marked as discontinued in CN10 and will be removed from CN11.

The CN Database is an integral part of both the USDA-approved Nutrient Standard Menu Planning and School Meals Initiative (SMI) Nutrient Analysis Software. We expect the USDA-approved software companies to incorporate the CN10 Database into their software by June 15, 2006, and distribute the new version of the software to their current users. Anyone who does not receive an update should contact his or her software company. Please contact Tim Vázquez at (703) 305-2609, if you have any questions or if you determine that a software company is not updating their software to include the new CN10 Database.

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